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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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For: NK CELL ACTIVATION INDUCING LIGAND (NAIL) DNA AND  
POLYPEPTIDES, AND USE THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application (enclosed herewith) as indicated below.

**AMENDMENTS**

In the specification:

On page 1, line 6, after "This application" please insert the following text:

-- is a continuation of International Application PCT/US99/06215 which designates the United States and was filed March 23, 1999, which --.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-36 and 44-47, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims: